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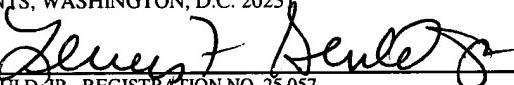
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR.

§ 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- Together with the present application.
- Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]
- After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first. [37 CFR § 1.97(c)]

- [] After a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, but prior to or with payment of the Issue Fee. [37 CFR § 1.97(d)]

Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

- [x] No separate requirements are needed.
- [x] No additional fee is required.

[] **Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97©**

The fee of \$240.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97© as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

[] **Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.97(d)**

This is a petition requesting consideration of an IDS under § 1.97(d). The petition fee of \$130.00 set forth in § 1.17(i)(1)accompanies this petition.

[] **Certification Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)**

Each item of information contained in this statement was either

- (1) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement; or
- (2) not known to any individual designated in § 1.56© more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Provision of Copies of References

- [X] A copy of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.
- [] A partial translation of (translation of the Abstract only) are enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

- A copy of the European Search Report from a corresponding or related EPO application is enclosed herewith.
- A copy of the Search Report from a corresponding or related German application is enclosed herewith.
- A copy of the International Search Report from a corresponding or related PCT application is enclosed herewith.

Identification of Prior Application(s) In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted

- This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior Application Serial No. _____, filed on _____. The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore are not required to be provided in this application:

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 04-1679**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 2, 2007



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